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rectly. No state, however, with the exception of Kentucky, has gone to the extreme of holding that telegraph companies are common carriers and liable to the same extent. (2) When the sender is acting as agent of the receiver, some courts hold the sendee is bound by the stipulations on the blank, while other courts hold the contrary. (3) The general trend of opinion is that when the telegraph company knows the sendee is to be benefited by the message, or when the message itself indicates a commercial transaction of importance or pecuniary value, the company is liable to the sendee.

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### IN VACATION.

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There had been a railway collision near a country town in Virginia, and a shrewd lawyer had hurried from Richmond to the scene of the disaster. He noticed an old colored man with a badly injured head, and hurried up to him where he lay moaning on the ground.

"How about damages?" began the lawyer.

But the sufferer waved him off.

"G'way, boss, g'way," he said. "I never hit de train. I never did sich a thing in all mah life, so help me Gawd! Yo' can't git no damages outer me."—New York Evening Post.

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"Never state as a fact anything you are not certain about," the great editor warned the new reporter, "or you will get us into libel suits. In such cases use the words 'alleged,' 'claimed,' 'reputed,' 'rumored,' and so on."

And then this notice appeared in the society notes of the paper:

"It is rumored that a card party was given yesterday by a number of reputed ladies. Mrs. Smith, gossip says, was hostess. It is alleged that the guests, with the exception of Mrs. Belinger, who says she hails from Leavitts Junction, were all from here. Mrs. Smith claims to be the wife of Archibald Smith, the so-called 'Honest Man,' trading on Key street."—St. Louis Star.